

**OPINION 2363 (Case 3609)*****Bulimus cylindricus* Menke, 1828 (Gastropoda, Stylommatophora, ENIDAE): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled under the plenary power that the specific name of the terrestrial snail *Bulimus cylindricus* Menke, 1828 (currently *Brephulopsis cylindrica*, ENIDAE) is available despite being originally published as a junior primary homonym of *Bulimus cylindricus* Gray, 1825 (currently classified in the genus *Macroceramus*, UROCOPTIDAE).

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Gastropoda; Stylommatophora; ENIDAE, UROCOPTIDAE; *Bulimus*; *Brephulopsis*; *Macroceramus*; *Bulimus cylindricus*; *Brephulopsis cylindrica*; terrestrial snail; Caribbean; Europe.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power the Commission has ruled that the name *cylindricus* Menke, 1828, as published in the binomen *Bulimus cylindricus*, is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *cylindricus* Gray, 1825, as published in the binomen *Bulimus cylindricus*.
- (2) The name *cylindricus* Menke, 1828, as published in the binomen *Bulimus cylindricus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the endorsement that it is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *cylindricus* Gray, 1825, as published in the binomen *Bulimus cylindricus*.

**History of Case 3609**

An application to conserve the specific name of the terrestrial snail *Bulimus cylindricus* Menke, 1828, originally published as a junior primary homonym of *Bulimus cylindricus* Gray, 1825 (currently classified in the genus *Macroceramus*, UROCOPTIDAE), was received from Igor Balashov (*Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine*) and Francisco Welter-Schultes (*Zoological Institute of Göttingen University, Göttingen, Germany*) on 05 October 2012. After correspondence the Case was published in BZN 70: 9–11 (March 2013). The title, abstract and keywords of the Case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this Case. The Case was sent for vote on 1 December 2014 (VP 26). A greater than two-thirds majority of Commissioners voted FOR the Case (16 For, 1 Against).

**Decision of the Commission**

At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2015 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 16: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Krell, Pape, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 1: Kojima.

Bogutskaya, Fautin, Kottelat, Kullander, Lamas, Ng, Pyle and Winston were on leave of absence.

Voting AGAINST, Kojima said that the specific name *cylindricus* Menke, 1828 seemed to be used only among the biologists who would easily accept and cope with the change of the name of this European gastropod mollusc from *Brephulopsis cylindrica* (Menke, 1828) to *Brephulopsis fusiformis* (Menke, 1828) .

### Original references

The following is the original reference to the name placed on the Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*cylindricus*, *Bulimus*, 1828, Menke, *Synopsis methodica molluscorum generum omnium et specierum earum, quae in museo Menkeano adservantur; cum synonymia critica et novarum specierum diagnosibus*. Gelpke, Pyrmonti, p. 77.